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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joseph A. Kaufman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 and 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hines, Sr. in view of Paul.

Hines, Sr. shows a tank 18; discharge port 20; supply tube 24; and first and second pinch valves 33, 35 (and associated structures) as seen in Figure 6b. Hines, Sr. lacks the pressurized fluid inlet between the pinch valves. Paul shows a fluid inlet at the connection between 29 and 16 with an air supply 15, 16, 18, 25, 26. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the pressurized fluid inlet as taught by Paul on the device of Hines, Sr. in order blend the particulate material which would enhance the quality and the dispensing of the substance. Note, dispensing mold coating agent is intended use as the device of Hines, Sr. is clearly capable of dispensing this substance.

3. Claim 15-17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul in view of Liao et al.

Paul shows a tank 2; supply tube 16; valves 18 and 19; and pressurized fluid inlet at the connection between 29 and 16. Paul lacks the measuring device. Liao et al. shows a slide cutting measuring means 20 having a measuring portion 22 and piston 24, the piston helping to define a void as seen in Figure 3. It would have been obvious

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to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the measuring means as taught by Liao et al. on the device of Paul in order to allow for dispensing of accurately measured, discrete units of material. . Further, providing a cylinder instead of the box structure 30 would have been obvious in order to prevent material from clogging in the corners of a box. Note, dispensing mold coating agent is intended use as the device of Paul is clearly capable of dispensing this substance.

4. Claims 2, 3, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hines, Sr. as modified by Paul as applied to claims 1 and 7 above, and further in view of Liao et al.

Hines, Sr. and Paul have been discussed above, but lack the measuring means. Liao et al. shows a slide cutting measuring means 20 having a measuring portion 22 and piston 24, the piston helping to define a void as seen in Figure 3. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the measuring means as taught by Liao et al. on the device of Hines, Sr. and Paul in order to allow for dispensing of accurately measured, discrete units of material. Further, providing a cylinder instead of the box structure 30 would have been obvious in order to prevent material from clogging in the corners of the box. Note, dispensing mold coating agent is intended use as the device of Hines, Sr. is clearly capable of dispensing this substance.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 11-14 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

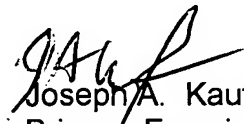
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph A. Kaufman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4928. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30AM-2PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Mar can be reached on (571) 272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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